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SUBJ: "SECRET" VISIT BY PM'S SECRETARY P.N. DHAR TO SHAH

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1. ON DECEMBER 19 INDIAN EMB PRESS OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF
INDIAN EMB "HAD NOT SEEN MUCH" OF DHAR DURING TEHRAN VISIT,
AND DESCRIBED VISIT IN TERMS OF ROUTINE CONSULTATIONS ON
BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND GENERALIZATIONS
ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH SHAH, BUT DID SAY DHAR HAD GIVEN
SHAH A LETTER FROM MRS. GHANDI. IRANIAN EMBASSY DID NOT KNOW
CONTENTS.

2. APPROPRIATE MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD WAS CATEGORIC WITH POLCOUNS
DECEMBER 20 THAT DHAR'S VISIT WAS FOR PURPOSE OF CONVEYING TO
IRAN INDIAN POSITION ON FARAKKA DAMN DISPUTE WITH BANGLADESH
IN CONTEXT OF UNGA CONSIDERATION THIS MATTER. HE SPECIFICALLY
DENIED IT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH OIL OR POSSIBLE PAKISTANI
PROCUREMENT OF A-7 AIRCRAFT (WHICH WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN
LARGER CONTEXT OF INDIAN-PAKISTANI RELATIONS). HE CONFIRMED
DHAR HAD MEETING WITH THE SHAH, BUT DID NOT VOLUNTEER INFORMA-
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TION RE ANY LETTER.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW IF MAF ACCOUNT IS COVER STORY OR THE
TRUTH. IT IS UNLIKELY WE CAN GET ANY MORE RELIABLE INFORMA-
TION ON DHAR'S MEETING WITH THE SHAH UNLESS SHAH HIMSELF
REVEALS IT AT SOME LATER DATE IN CONTEXT OF HIS OWN CHOSSING.

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